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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/701,160
Filing Date	November 17, 2000
First Named Inventor	Scott Barham et al.
Art Unit	1724
Examiner Name	Peter A. Hruskoci
Attorney Docket Number	TJK/135

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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) COMBINATION FOR IMPROVING RED MUD
) CLARIFICATION
)
) Attorney Docket: TJK/135
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) Group Art Unit: 1724
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) Examiner: Hruskoci

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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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